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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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(b) I verily believe I am/we are the original, first and sole joint inventor(s) of the subject matter which is embraced by and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: WATER-SOLUBLE POLYMERS FOR THE REDUCTION OF DIETARY PHOSPHATE OR
OXALATE ABSORPTION

and the specification of which: is attached hereto _____.
(check one) was filed on October 22, 1997 as (42801A).
Application No. PCT/US97/19322
and was amended on _____

(c) I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.
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PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

PRIORITY CLAIMED

Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
60/028,993	October 23, 1996	

YES NO

(f) I hereby Claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 of any United States provisional application(s) or §120 of any United States application(s) listed below:

60/028,993	October 23, 1996	Abandoned
Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status (Patented, Pending, Abandoned)

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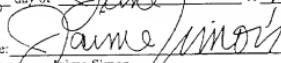
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